

(ii) substitution of Ile<sub>96</sub> by a hydrophobic amino acid residue;

(iii) substitution of His<sub>95</sub> by D-His or by a residue selected from Asp, Glu, Ser, Thr, Phe and Tyr, N-alkyl derivatives thereof and D-forms of the foregoing;

(iv) substitution of Val<sub>94</sub> by D-Val, or by a residue selected from Ala, His and Phe, and D-forms of the foregoing;

(v) substitution of Ala<sub>92</sub> by a hydrophobic amino acid residue;

(vi) substitution of Val<sub>91</sub> by Ala or Gly;

(vii) substitution of Thr<sub>90</sub> by a residue selected from Asn, Asp, Gln, Glu, Ala, Val and Pro;

(viii) substitution of Val<sub>89</sub> by a hydrophobic amino acid residue;

(ix) a peptide obtained by elongation of a peptide (i) to (viii) at the N- and/or C-terminal but not including the entire CRP;

(x) an amide of the C-terminal of a peptide (i) to (ix); and

(~~ix~~xi) an N-acyl derivative of a peptide (i) to (x).

~~Delete~~ claims 10 and 11 without prejudice (if they have not already been deleted by Supplemental Preliminary Amendment of July 29, 1998).